

REMARKS

This paper is a preliminary amendment in the above-titled application, filed herewith as a divisional of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/969,753, filed October 3, 2001, which is a continuation of PCT/EP01/00993 filed January 31, 2001, claims priority to French Application No. FR 00/01398, filed March 2, 2000.

By this amendment, original claims 1-4 have been cancelled. Claims 5-13 are pending. Claim 5 has been amended to correct a typographical error.

Applicants request an early and favorable decision on Claims 5-13.

Respectfully submitted,

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